

speak

Onomatopoeia

Directions: Underline the onomatopoeic words in the following sentences.

1. The school bus wheezes to my corner.
2. I pop the head off a Barbie doll and set it inside the turkey's body.
3. I sip water from a paper cup. If the cup were lead crystal, I would open my mouth and take a bite. Crunch, crunch, swallow.
4. I flop in the chair. It whooshes out old janitor smells – feet, beef, jerky, shirts left in the washer too long.
5. He sets to work pruning the deadwood like a sculptor. “Brrrr-rrrowww.” The chain saw gnaws through the oak, branches crashing to the ground.
6. My heart thuds as if I were still pedaling up the hill.
7. The fly buzzes a farewell buzz and dies.
8. I can feel the hairs in my nose crackle. My strut slows to a foot-dragging schlump.
9. Ms. Keen's voice fades to a mosquito whine.
10. She keeps bouncing balls my way, and I keep putting them up – swish, swish, swish.